

A. NATALIA RAMIREZ has brought this action on her own behalf, on behalf of the Estate of Carlos O. Rodriguez, as next friend of Julian Oliver Rodriguez, Ariel Valerie Rodriguez, Cain Oliver Rodriguez and Jacob Nathan Rodriguez, Minor Children. NATALIA RAMIREZ is the surviving parent of Julian Oliver Rodriguez, Ariel Valerie Rodriguez, Cain Oliver Rodriguez and Jacob Nathan Rodriguez, Minor Children.


B. MARIA SANCHEZ DE RODRIGUEZ has brought this action as the surviving mother of Carlos O. Rodriguez, Deceased.

C. ABUNDIO RODRIGUEZ SAUCEDA has brought this action as the surviving father of Carlos O. Rodriguez, Deceased.

D. NATALIA RAMIREZ AND LUIS CARDENAS, the Guardian Ad Litem, have fully informed themselves of the circumstances of this litigation, the needs and expectations of the minor children, and the effects of entering into the settlement agreement and release.

E. NATALIA RAMIREZ, as parent of JULIAN OLIVER RODRIGUEZ, ARIEL VALERIE RODRIGUEZ, CAIN OLIVER RODRIGUEZ and JACOB NATHAN RODRIGUEZ, Minor Children, upon the advice of their counsel and with the concurrence of the Guardian Ad Litem, affirmatively asserts that entering into this Settlement Agreement and Release is in the best interests of the minor children.

F. After reading the pleadings in this case and hearing testimony on the necessary issues, at the request of the Parties the Court finds that this is a case in which there is a dispute as to liability and the extent of damages, if any, to which the Plaintiffs are entitled. The Court at the request of the Parties further finds that the entire Settlement Agreement and Release is fair and equitable to the Plaintiffs, and in the best interest of the minor children, JULIAN OLIVER



RODRIGUEZ, ARIEL VALERIE RODRIGUEZ, CAIN OLIVER RODRIGUEZ and JACOB NATHAN RODRIGUEZ. The Court further finds ^{at the request of the parties that} it is in the best interests of the Plaintiffs and minor children that the settlement funds are to be paid as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Release. The Court further finds that the allocation of proceeds to the minor children, JULIAN OLIVER RODRIGUEZ, ARIEL VALERIE RODRIGUEZ, CAIN OLIVER RODRIGUEZ and JACOB NATHAN RODRIGUEZ, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Release is fair and equitable and based on the applicable facts of this case and the appropriate law. ^{*1}

G. The Court further finds that court costs shall be paid by the party incurring the costs.

H. Because all matters in dispute between Plaintiffs and Defendants have been fully and finally compromised, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the entire Settlement Agreement and Release is approved. It is further ORDERED that:

1. LUIS CARDENAS, Guardian Ad Litem, is hereby awarded a fee of \$ 2628 which shall be taxed as costs against Defendants; and

2. All taxable court costs are to be paid by the party incurring the cost.

The Court further finds that because all matters in controversy have been determined and settled, the services of the Guardian Ad Litem are no longer required and the appointed Guardian Ad Litem has duly and faithfully performed his duties and responsibilities in this cause.

It is further ORDERED that the Guardian Ad Litem, LUIS CARDENAS, is hereby discharged and released by the Court from his appointment as Guardian Ad Litem for

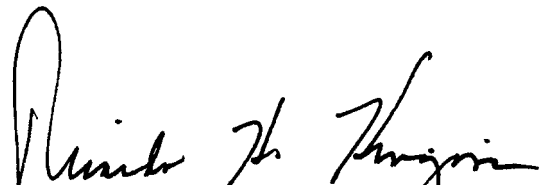
^{the sum of} ^{as to each of the 4 minor children} ^{ad interest bears account in} ^{*1} It is further ORDERED that \$42,500 be deposited into the registry of the court for the use and benefit of the minor children ^{3 each of the four minor children upon} Motion by the requesting party and approval of this court. ^{release of the funds will be} ^{inter alia} ^{18.}

JULIAN OLIVER RODRIGUEZ, ARIEL VALERIE RODRIGUEZ, CAIN OLIVER RODRIGUEZ and JACOB NATHAN RODRIGUEZ, Minor Children.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that any relief prayed for and/or which could have been sued for in this action arisen from said occurrence, and not specifically granted herein, is hereby expressly refused and denied.

Upon redemption of this Order, all payments referred to above have been fully paid, and all claims and causes of action of Plaintiffs, including all claims on behalf of JULIAN OLIVER RODRIGUEZ, ARIEL VALERIE RODRIGUEZ, CAIN OLIVER RODRIGUEZ and JACOB NATHAN RODRIGUEZ, Minor Children, are hereby DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

SIGNED and ~~ENTERED~~ this 18th day of September, 2006 at McAllen, Texas


RICARDO H. HINOJOSA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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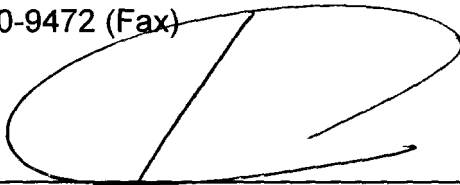
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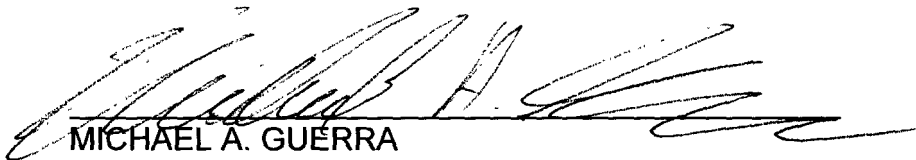
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